

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
(417 PENDLETON STREET, WAYCROSS, GA)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Waycross City Commission Planning and Information Session was called to order on Monday, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm by Mayor James. The meeting was held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. Present was Commissioners, Henry Strickland, Katrena Felder, and Diane Hopkins.

Mayor Pro Temp, Sheinita Bennett (came in at 5:14)

There was a recess at 6:13 and was resumed at 6:19

A. Invocation:

Led by Mayor Michael-Angelo James

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. GUESTS:

Kristie Anderson, 1408 Hillcrest, Blackshear Ga. 31516- came seeking what if any information is needed to have the previously requested ordinance changed making it possible for the owner to not be required to stay in the home of a designated personal Senior Care Home.

Shaneika Kitchen- 1208 Parkway Drive, Waycross Ga. 31501- wanted the city to be aware of the problems she is encountering with so many abandon houses in her neighborhood. The homes are being plagued with people who most times use them to either sell drugs out of or use drugs. She is afraid to allow her

III. TRAVEL/TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS

The mayor will be gone September 29th. The City Manager will be gone September 29-October 2. Commissioner Felder will go from September 22-24.

IV. PLANNING & INFORMATION SESSION

A. Bids: WAYX 24-02 Surplus 14 Bicycles, Tire Rims, Heater, and Motor Bike

There was a consensus to place this on Commission Meeting Agenda

There was a vote to donate the 14 bikes, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder, Dist-4 Diane Hopkins-yes, Dist-5 Henry Strickland-yes.

B. Discussion Items:

1. Bailey Street Project

Lenwood Coleman delivered a presentation to the commission in hopes of support by way of monetary gift to help with the completion of this project.

2. TIA 2 Update

The city manager, spoke regarding getting information out to citizens via social media, the use of News Channel out of Jacksonville, and using the boosting services offered thru the social media. Wanted the commissioners to do more townhalls for face to face interactions.

3. Dropping COVID Pay and Sign-on bonus.

There was a vote to stop COVID pay and bonus, Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder, Dist-4 Diane Hopkins-yes, Dist-5 Henry Strickland-yes.

4. WPD-Community Clean-Up and Praise Picnic

Chief Cox gave the commission the dates of the community clean-up, which are October 7,2023 from 7-9.

5. WPD-6 New Employees

Chief Cox announced the names of the new employees.

6. Street and Roads Update

Trey Gavin got a vote to use the hybrid method for the street and roads. Dist-2 Sheinita Bennett-yes, Dist-3 Katrena Felder, Dist-4 Diane Hopkins-yes, Dist-5 Henry Strickland-yes.

7. Lead and Copper Inventory. Trey Gavin

Trey gave a presentation to the commission.

8. Neighborhood Park Improvements-Trey Gavin

Trey gave a presentation to the commission.

C. Privilege Licenses Renewals: n/a

D. Privilege Licenses: n/a

E. Proposed Ordinances: n/a

F. Proposed Resolutions:

1. A Resolution of The of The City of Waycross, Georgia, To Authorize the Execution of Agreements with Six Employees for Reimbursement of Costs to Attend Peace Officer Standards and Training; and for Other Purposes.

There was a consensus to place this on Tuesday Commission Meeting Agenda

2. A Resolution of the City of Waycross, Georgia, to Declare Property to be Surplused Property; to Provide for Their Sale on Govdeals.com; and for Other Purposes.

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G. City Attorney's Report:

Stated there is a need to set up a public hearing for the rezone of Dorothy Street.

H. City Manager's Report:

He stated his plan on restructuring the City Report he also will be meeting starting tomorrow concerning the abandon properties in the city.

I. Last Call

J. Adjourn to Executive Session

There was a motion made by Commissioner Felder to go into executive session for real estate seconded by Commissioner Strickland. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned to go into executive session at 7:21pm.

K. Adjournment

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:

+ Michael-Angelo James
MICHAEL-ANGELO JAMES, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jacqueline Powell
JACQUALINE POWELL, City Clerk

